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Serial No. 10/019,700 : Group Art Unit 2825

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REMOVING UNIT FOR CHARGE
APPEARANCE SEMICONDUCTOR
SUBSTRATE, AND CHARGE APPEARANCE
SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE

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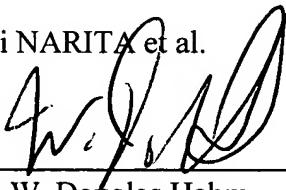
Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Patent Office on May 18, 2004 be considered by the Examiner. Applicants also request that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the PTO 1449 form which was filed as part of said Information Disclosure Statement. A courtesy clean copy of the PTO 1449 form is enclosed, along with a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and a date-stamped postal receipt

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Respectfully submitted,

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Receipt of the following papers is acknowledged:

1. Information Disclosure Statement
2. PTO-1449 Form with Supplementary European Search Report and 3 references attached

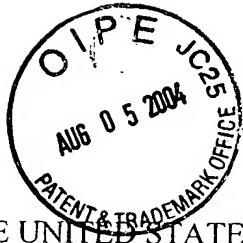
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of [X] the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and/or [] the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the form PTO-1449 and each U.S. patent application listed below is enclosed, except a copy is not provided for each reference previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in prior parent application Serial No. .

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3. Consideration of the following list of additional information (including any copending or abandoned U.S. application, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested.

4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

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- a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
- the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
- the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart application, and this communication was not received by any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure statement.

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